



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Whitman et al.

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PLANARIZED THIN FILM SURFACE

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Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 3 of this paper;

**Amendments to the claims** are set forth in the listing of the claims that begins on page 9 of this paper;

**Corrections to the drawings** are summarized on page 14 of this paper, with replacement and annotated sheets showing the corrections enclosed herewith; and

**Remarks** start at page 15 of this paper.